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The Confederate.

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EDITORS.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1864.

If anything were wanting to make all our people let go forever any remnant or trace of thought, that there may come a day of re-association with the Yankee nation, this thing wanted stands up in gigantic proportions, in the brutal, ferocious, worse than beastly cruelties which both leaders and followers among the enemy practice and boast of.—Wherever they now advance, ruin, desolation, the destruction of property, private and public, track their way. They pause not to ask if, or she whom they propose to rob, and in many cases outrage and murder, is a combatant, or the wife, or daughter, or sister of one. Nor yet even do they stop to ask, if by any possibility these may be Union sympathizers. Alas, for such misguided wretches, who have lost the sympathy of their own people, they have acquired nothing by the sacrifice. The raiding or invading enemy brings no supply train, and he must live upon the land; the food of each and all is ferreted out to the last morsel, and taken, stolen, without stint of conscience, and devoured without stint of appetite. Public buildings and private dwellings, school houses, and churches, and farm houses are given to the flames; while the thieving villainous stuff and surplus with their ill-gotten gains. Among other instances, no worse nor any better, are two which fall under our observation, and come to us with such authority as makes their truth unquestionable, one of which involves a "ruffian who calls himself Gen. Warren."

A poor lady, a Mrs. Corry, resided near Bethesda church. Of course she was visited, and her house was stripped of everything she had. Not so much as a meal's victuals were left to keep life in her body: and she had two sick children. The poor lady, desolate, plundered woman, in behalf of those little suffering children, besought permission from this so-called General Warren, to buy a few of the stores, her own property, of which she had been robbed; and as though he was the retired shabby of a sold-out establishment, plerotic with wealth, he replied—"We keep nothing for sale." Then, said the half frantic woman (as the Richmond Examiner reports it) "I will beg. Give me, for God's sake, a meal of meat for my sick children." This was a Southern, a Virginia matron, who had lived in comfort on her own property; and it was for the small pittance of this single meal, from her own stores, that she was imploring, for an object that might well have moved to pity a devil in hell. We confess our hair rises to end as we record the answer that issued from the lips of this heartless villain. "Madam, we read that during the siege of Jerusalem, women were reduced to eat their children." He had studied the question—had read the history of like events, and foreseeing that in the course of his military career he might find some weak mother, far enough from succor, and sufficiently in his power, to enable him to bring to bear the acquisitions of his intellectual labors, lo!—with what studied, calm, complacent demeanor he uttered the passage from history—"women were reduced to eat their children."

The picture is an impressive one—the lordly General and his suppliant. It commands itself to every man within whose bosom lives a spark of courage or humanity—who is not prepared to be a dog—who is not already meaner than a dog.

Another instance is that of an interview between a Virginia mother and Grant. This was the mother of Confederate sons; and having fallen within the Yankee lines, she sought and obtained an interview with Gen. Grant, and asked for a passport to enable her to get to Richmond, with her friends. "You are better where you are." When I enter Richmond, women's persons will not be safe."

These scenes are verified. They are true—sith the Examiner. This last was addressed by the commanding General of the Yankee army—Grant—and thus we are assured that when he enters Richmond, all the acts foreshadowed in the nefarious programme of Dahlgren, are to be performed. Rapine, lust, slaughter, conflagration are to be let loose like unleashed hell-hounds, to rage and riot—when "women's persons will not be safe."

It is well for us to ponder on these things. There is yet among some, a delusive hope, reaching back by a faint, brittle hold on some possible restoration of union with our enemies. These are not they who utter their thoughts, but keep them locked in, committing treason upon their own hearts.

There are yet others—some base, craven, cowards, afraid to look the coming future in the face; others, ambitious demagogues, who would barter soul, country, family—all—for aggrandizement, and hope to save it by sacrificing to the foe.

And yet others—arrant sympathizers with our invaders—who have never felt a loyal pulsation towards our Government; who hope disaster may enable the enemy to reach and shake hands with them.

All these classes are to be found in that family of Rahab the Harlot, of which we spoke a few days since, and about which we have every reason to believe the Government will take speedy action. They are they who would have shown out the "scarlet thread," or raised a brother's cry of distress. Depraved and wicked traitors, and most deceived and

deluded people are they. It is notorious, and it is to the credit of the Yankee who is entitling himself to but little, that he contemns and despises the betrayer, and the spy, and the pilot. He avails himself of his base instrumentality, but loathes and hates the tool; and when his service is at an end, he never fails to receive a more bitter and more destructive punishment. Of this class, very few, only such as Andrew Johnson, Brownlow, and those who are still needed, are permitted to eke out the enjoyment of the price for which their sale was effected.

These horrid cruelties; the known faithlessness of the race from whom we have separated; should warn all our people to loosen from all thought of everything, but the working out of our complete and perpetual separation and independence.

Local Defence.

Now that the matter of our position (the Senior Editor's) is settled, we take the occasion to correct the misrepresentation which Mr. Holden made in a late number of his paper. As we stated on a former occasion, our only effort at the public meeting, was to ascertain our liability to military service, and if possible, to select our position. This was no more than Gov. Manly, Mr. Mordcau, and Gov. Bragg were doing. We had a reputation to the Home Guard service, for the reasons that we stated; and we are assured that our frankness in the statement, has commanded for us more respect, than any hypocritical withholding of it, such as Mr. Holden would have been likely to practice in similar circumstances.

It was never our intention to resist any proper authority; but to assert what we believed our legal rights; and whatever there was of threat in our language, was in response to what was considered a threat. The muster of the several organizations on yesterday, showed a handsome strength for "local defence." By an excellent company made up of the best material, the writer of this was complimented with the unanimous offer of the Captaincy. Col. Mallett expressed a desire for our service in another duty, and Capt. Ballard was selected to command this company.

Whenever Raleigh is threatened, we are prepared, not merely to await the immediate presence of the enemy, but to go where we can be most useful; and whenever the crisis comes, "mark our prediction," we shall present a striking contrast to Mr. Holden; and if "we never receive a wound," it will be "singular." If Mr. Holden receives one, from the enemy, it will be quite as much so; and if he does not, it will be the most natural thing in the world. The Yankees are only tolerable marksmen, and not apt to strike a "bird on the wing."

The Hampton Certificate.

The question of veracity, in the matter of the foregoing certificate, as also the question of Mr. Holden's purposes in the call of a Convention, have been settled, in the popular judgment, against Mr. Holden. Both Mr. Hampton and Mr. Horton are respectable men, and they prove the fact positively. We have heard, however, that Gov. Vance has since referred for confirmation to Mr. Walser of Davidson, and Mr. Sherwood of Guilford. If so, it must be done by authority of these gentlemen. A correspondent in the Confederate of yesterday, from Granville, refers to W. H. Smith, sheriff of Person, as having heard a similar declaration from Mr. Holden in January or February last. It has also been currently reported here, that Mr. Holden held a similar conversation with Capt. John Berry of Orange. Hearing this, and anxious to reach the truth, we addressed a note to Capt. Berry—and as we should have used his reply, if it had been unfavorable to Mr. Holden, we feel bound to give him the benefit of Capt. Berry's statement; which is in these words: "The certificates you allude to, of Messrs. Hampton and others, I have never seen; but if I am correctly informed of their contents, Mr. Holden has made no such disclosures to me, as are indicated in the certificates."

Up to six o'clock p. m. this (Thursday) evening, we are without any advices from Petersburg or Richmond. It is reported that on Wednesday morning, fighting was going on at Reames' station, nine miles south of Petersburg; and as the telegraph is not working to Petersburg, it is probable that the wires were cut by the enemy, and perhaps the Railroad also. Indeed, a passenger who left Weldon Wednesday evening, says it was reported that our troops came upon the raiders and captured the whole party—1500 in number. This report, however, has not been confirmed.

The Yankees are said to be moving on the Southside Railroad also.

We hope to receive some definite and good news from Petersburg and beyond, before going to press. If the wires are out on the direct route north, we shall probably hear via Danville and Greensboro'.

A correspondent at Kinston, writes us as follows: "The secret oath-bound organization mentioned in the Confederate a few days ago, the object of which is to destroy the Confederate Government, is in full blast in this town. I am informed that a Convention of these Tories, representing several counties in this section of the State, was held in Goldsboro' on Monday and Tuesday last. This county was represented, it is said, by four delegates, who are well known in this community as desperate political characters."

It will be seen by the Advertisement of General Superintendent Dunn, that the mail train on the Raleigh and Gaston Road, will leave here at 10 o'clock in the day, and arrive at 1 o'clock at night.

The Raiders in Eastern North Carolina.

Our Kinston Correspondent, who is ever prompt to keep us advised of movements in that section, informs us that on the night of the 1st, that town was aroused about midnight by the arrival of a courier at Headquarters, representing that the enemy were advancing in force on the Dover road, and had driven in our pickets as far as Wise's Fork, some six or eight miles from Kinston, and that heavy skirmishing was going on between the two forces. Col. Folk, of the 6th N. C. cavalry, commander of the post, immediately repaired to the front and took his position to reconnoitre, in advance of the skirmishers, along with his Adjutant, Lt. Rich'd. Blackwell. The horses of both these officers have returned without their riders, and it is feared they have fallen into the hands of the Yankees, either killed or captured.

In the skirmish, Lt. Kilpatrick, of the 6th N. C. cavalry, is said to have been killed, and private Kilpatrick wounded in the hip. One company of the 6th N. C. cavalry, numbering 60 men, are said to be cut off on the lower Trent road; but it is believed the most, if not all of them, will make their escape—fifteen have already come in. The enemy's strength is variously estimated, but it was evidently very small, and was designed only as a reconnoitering and thieving expedition.

It was also reported that a heavy column of the enemy was advancing on the north side of the Neuse. Another report was that they were in force in Onslow moving towards the Wilmington Railroad at Magnolia. And still another report is that a force was in the neighborhood of Greenville in Pitt county. Steps of course were promptly taken to look after them. We have plenty of force to attend to all the Yankees in Newbern and Beaufort, if they do not allow themselves to be caught napping. The whole Yankee force below does not exceed two thousand; and these movements are predatory parties to rob, reconnoitre our positions, &c. Besides Lieut. Kilpatrick killed, mentioned above, we hear also of Lieut. Dohart and private Phillips of Folk's cavalry.

Public Sentiment.

Extract of a letter from Johnston county: "Enclosed find \$15, for the renewal of my subscription to the Daily Confederate, which is at all times a welcome visitor. I can as well do without my meals, as the Confederate, so long as you continue to expose the tricks of Holden, the enemy of his country. I can assure you that Holden's stock is greatly depreciating in this county. Vance will carry the county by a considerable majority. Many that were at first for Holden, have changed, and are going to vote for Vance."

Extract of a letter from Surry county: "At one time, I thought Holden would get a very respectable vote in this county, if not a majority. But public sentiment has very much changed since Holden's Convention policy has leaked out. Every body believes the certificates of Mr. Hampton, Mr. Horton and others, and some of Holden's once warmest friends, who I have reason to believe were themselves privy to his designs, express their greatest astonishment at his denying the charge; and say they are done with him. Vance will carry the county by a decided majority. The people are not pleased with the course of the Legislature keeping militia officers, justices of the peace, constables, &c., out of the army, when there is no more use for them at home than there was for their own sons, brothers, &c., who have been required to go."

A letter from Cumberland county, says:—"I believe all our county candidates are Vance men. A Holdenite would not 'black the board' in Cumberland."

A gentleman well informed as to public sentiment in Chatham county, writes:

"To say that Holden has no friends here, would be going too far. There are, I am sorry to say, a good many of his stripe; but nothing like a majority. I suppose about one-third of the voters would cast their ballots for Holden if the election were to-morrow. Six weeks ago he would have carried the county. But the people are becoming convinced, and are leaving him and his dangerous propositions; and by the time the county canvass is over, he will not have, in my opinion, five hundred who will vote for him. As Holden is wont to say—'Mark my prediction.'"

For the Confederate.

The Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina, desiring to testify their sympathy with the general sadness occasioned by the death of the Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, D. D., Bishop of Louisiana, directs the following resolutions to be entered on its journals:

Resolved, That we have learned with profound regret the death of this distinguished Prelate, and heartily sympathize with his family and Diocese in their peculiar sorrows.

Resolved, That in this melancholy event, the Church has lost a Bishop to whom energy of purpose, and abundant labors, and rare administrative ability, and faithfulness in his high office, the Churches of the southwest have been largely indebted for their growth and prosperity; and whose genuine manliness, and Christian care for his dependents, and simple piety, and devoted churchmanship, have earned our warm affection and admiration.

Resolved, That among the noble men who adorn the walks of public life in the Confederacy, we can point to very few whose purity of life, enlarged views, unselfish patriotism, and earnest following the calls of duty, entitle them to higher honor and a more lasting remembrance.

Resolved, That in the death of Bishop POLK, the whole country has to lament the loss of a zealous advocate and promoter of education in its highest forms of culture and attainments, and to whose efforts in that cause our people had learned to look with confident expectation of its brilliant development and permanent success.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be communicated to the family of the deceased.

For the Confederate.

At a meeting of the officers of the City Battalion held yesterday evening, for the purpose of electing a Major; there were present the following officers:

Co. A, Capt W. L. Brodie.
" 2d Lt P. Theim.
" 3d Lt M. B. Barbee.
Co. B, Capt H. B. Jordan.
" 1st Lt J. H. Crowell.
" 3rd Lt J. G. Watkins.
Co. C, Capt V. F. Ballard.
" 2nd Lt A. H. Bewey.
" 3rd Lt A. P. Bryan.

On motion of Lt P. P. Bryan, Capt. V. Ballard was called to the chair, and Lt. J. G. Watkins appointed secretary.

On motion of Capt. Brodie, a ballot was taken for the election of Major of the battalion, whereupon J. M. Heck, Esq., was unanimously elected.

On motion of Capt. Brodie, a committee was appointed, consisting of Lts. Dewey and Watkins, to wait upon Major J. M. Heck and inform him of his election.

On motion of Capt. Ballard, it was resolved that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Daily Confederate and Conservative. No further business pending, the meeting adjourned.

V. BALLARD, Ch'n.

J. C. WATKINS, Sec'y.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 23, 1864.

J. M. HECK, Esq.—Sir: We the undersigned, having been appointed a committee by the officers of the City Battalion, for the purpose of informing you of your nomination to the position of Major, we take this method of informing you of the action of the meeting, and earnestly hope and request that you will accept the position.

We are, Sir, Your obedient servants,
F. H. DEWEY, 2d Lt. Co. C.
J. C. WATKINS, 3d Lt. Co. B.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 23, 1864.

Lieuts. F. H. DEWEY and J. C. WATKINS, Committee.

Gentlemen—Your communication of this date, informing me of my election as Major of the City Battalion, is to hand. Truly grateful for the honor conferred upon me, I accept the position, and will endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. HECK.

For the Confederate.

The Contest.

Messrs. Editors: The gubernatorial contest in North Carolina is one to which every Southern State looks with profound interest. Since the announcement of the candidature now in the field, your correspondent has been looking round to see what will be the true result, and in so doing, several things worthy of public note have been developed.

1st. It is a noted fact, that the supporters of Holden are men of the lowest grade of intellect in the State, with here and there an interested leader, who for party purposes has been deceiving the ignorant populace. I design no reflection upon my countrymen by this remark; for unavoidable ignorance is no sin. But I do regard that the basest imposture, where demagogues, taking advantage of the ignorance of their fellows, seek their own promotion at their country's expense.

Such is, without doubt, the intention of W. V. Holden. He would be willing to be made Governor of North Carolina, if that result would precipitate the State into the worst civil war that ever scourged a people.

It is found upon examination, that a greater portion of the inhabitants of the mountainous portions of the State are Holdenites than was at first imagined. These portions of our State are flooded with the Standard. The people see no other paper—hear but one side of the subject, and we need not wonder at their infatuation. They have been overrun by deserters from North Carolina and Tennessee; the militia and home guard have frequently treated them harshly because of the stories among them; and being very tired of this cruel war, and believing that Holden will terminate it at once, were he elected Governor, they will vote for him.

2nd. But, Messrs. Editors, I am quite happy to inform you that the Holdenites in Western N. Carolina, are far in the minority. This is so, I speak understandingly upon this point. I will venture my reputation as a prophet upon the assertion, that Holden will not get more than two in five of all the votes cast west of Raleigh. I may be allowing him even too many at that number, but I will say that he will not get more than two-fifths of the votes, though he may get more than one-fourth. That this is so, omnia vident.

The Holden party is on the decline. The recent revelations of facts in regard to Mr. Holden's antecedents, and the disclosures of deep laid plans for the overthrow of the Confederate Government, have aroused the more enlightened portion of Holden's friends to mature reflection, and they are coming out boldly in denunciations of his platform.

SAM.

PEN PORTRAIT OF OUR SAVIOR.

At this time in Judea, a man of singular character, whose name is Jesus Christ, the barbarians esteem him a prophet, but his followers adore him as the immediate offspring of the immortal God. He is endowed with such unparalleled virtue as to call back the dead from their graves, and to heal every kind of disease with a word or touch. His person is tall and elegantly shaped—his aspect amiable, reverend. His hair falls in those beautiful shades which no united colors can match, falling into graceful curls below his ears, agreeably couching on his shoulders, and parting on the crown of his head, like the sect of the Nazarenes. His forehead is smooth and large, his cheeks without spot save that of a lovely red; his nose and mouth are formed with exquisite symmetry, his beard is thick and suitable to the hair of his head, reaching a little above his chin, and parting in the middle like a fork; his eyes are bright, clear and serene. He rebukes with majesty, counsels with mildness, and invites with the most tender and persuasive language. His whole address, whether in word or deed, being elegant, grave and strictly characteristic of so exalted a being. No man has seen him laugh; but the whole world behold him weep frequently; and so persuasive are his tears than none can refrain from joining in sympathy with him. He is very moderate and wise. In short, whatever the phenomena may turn out in the end, he seems at present a man, for excellent beauty and divine perfection, every way surpassing the children of men.—From an ancient manuscript sent by Publius Lintulus, President of Judea, to the Senate of Rome.

TELEGRAPHIC.

REPORTS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1863, by J. S. FARMER, in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Northern District of Georgia.

From Gen. Johnston's Army.

MARIETTA, June 23.—About 5 o'clock p. m. last evening the enemy attempted to take our works on our extreme left, when they were met by Hindman's and Stevenson's divisions and driven back through three lines of battle, with heavy loss. For upwards of two hours and a half the action was very fierce. We captured sixty prisoners, commissioned officers. Stevenson's division suffered most in wounded, particularly Brown's brigade. Light skirmishing has been going on this morning.

Northern News.

MOBILE, June 23.—A special to the Evening News, from Senatobia, says Northern papers say Morgan passed Flemingsburg on the 14th, with three thousand men, and said Burbridge's dispatch was false. His loss was only one hundred and seventy. He would not leave the State.

Vallandigham was arrested at Dayton as he had calculated; but said, eye for eye tooth for tooth, so help him the ever living Jehovah. He would remain quite till after the Chicago Convention.

We have no despatches from the North. It is reported that the Railroad damaged near Petersburg has been repaired and the enemy driven off or captured. It is also reported that a portion of our forces have gotten in Grant's rear. We expect to be in regular communication with Petersburg to-morrow.

A rumor has it that our forces have captured 1600 prisoners and routed Grant.

That miserable renegade, Andy Johnson, came very near losing his "light" in Nashville the other day. A drunken Yankee officer fired at him with a pistol, the ball grazing the skin and going through his coat.

TRAITORS.—It is said that the parties detected at Augusta in communicating with the enemy, are females. They should be imprisoned forthwith and kept in confinement till the close of the war. They are probably high in social position, but we hope the authorities have the nerve to do their duty.

We are in receipt of a letter enclosing \$12, written by "Wm. R. D. Lindsay, P. M.", instructing us to send the Daily Confederate to Dr. P. A. Hax. The Post date is "Madis Postoffice, N. C."; but as there is no such P. O. in the State, as we are informed at the P. O. in this city, the writer will oblige us by giving the P. O. address more distinctly.

For the Confederate.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

In Martin's Brigade, 17th N. C. T., since 1st June, 1864:

June 4th.—Field and Staff.—Wounded, Maj. Thos. H. Sharp in shoulder.

June 3rd.—Co. A.—Killed, Lieut. A. T. Staton, sergeant B. F. Rogers, privates B. L. R. Brown and Thos. J. Sykes. None wounded.

Co. B.—Wounded, corpl. N. B. Williams, severely in breast, private W. S. Harris in leg.

Co. C.—E. Wilson in breast.

Co. F.—Wounded, SS Clayton in foot, corpl. R. J. Rawles in face.

Co. G.—Wounded, N. Whitehurst severely in neck and face, 10th June.

June 3rd.—Co. H.—Killed Henry Davenport Wounded, private Jos. A. Hardison in stomach, Matthew Saxe in face.

June 1st.—Co. K.—Killed, corpl. G. W. Robuck. Wounded, private J. C. Vainwright, E. McLawhorn, G. E. Little and Jarret House.

June 5th.—Co. L.—Wounded, Monroe Blackwelder in foot, David Combs in arm, Calvin Elliott in back, A. M. Meredith in hand.

Total in Regiment since June 1st, inclusive; killed, 6; wounded, 17. Total, 23.

THO. HASSELL, 1st Lieut. and Brigade Ordnance Officer.

The two other regiments of our brigade, since June 1st, have lost as follows, viz: 42nd regiment, N. C. Troops—13 killed, 86 wounded, 60 missing. Total, 109.

66th regiment, N. C. Troops—8 killed, 25 wounded, 7 missing. Total, 40.

Making the loss in the three regiments, 27 killed, 78 wounded, 67 missing. Total, 172.

PETERSBURG, VA., June 19.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Below I send you the casualties in Co. K, 24th N. C. regiment, in the engagements near this place on the 16th, 17th and 18th inst.

Killed—Private William T. Murray.—Wounded—capt J. H. Baker, in neck; privates Wm. Woodruff, severe in head; John Parks, in leg; Augustus P. Young, severe in face and head; and Paul Pearce, in hand. Missing—privates Henry Harris, Thos. Beddingfield, Montague Perry, L. L. Dameron, Martin V. Reid, and Jos. Moya.

B. P. BAKER, 1st Lieut. Command'g Co. K, 24th N. C. T.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother in Warren county, N. C., on the morning of the 9th, by the Rev. Dr. Hodges, Col. Wm. H. CREEK, 1st N. C. Cavalry, to Miss ALICE M., daughter of the late Alex. Jones.

I WISH TO BUY A GOOD BRANDY STILL. Address J. F. ALLEN, Lumburg N. C., and state particulars. P. A. 128-431.

OFFICE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD CO. VANCE, June 22, 1864.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF the Stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad Company will be held in the city of Raleigh, on Thursday July 14th, 1864.

Stockholders who cannot attend in person will please send their proxies. P. A. STAGG, Secretary.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

ON and AFTER FRIDAY 24TH INST. OUR mail train will leave Raleigh at 10 o'clock A. M., returning will arrive at 1 A. M.

P. A. DUNK, Genl. Supt. Office R. & G. R. Co., Raleigh, June 23, 1864. June 20-128-421.

HEADQUARTERS 2nd DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT N. C. AND SO. VA., Goldsboro', N. C., June 21, 1864.

(CIRCULAR.)

CITIZENS ARE NOTIFIED THAT HERE- after permission WILL NOT be granted to pass through our lines to Newbern or Washington under any circumstances whatever.

By order of Brig. Gen. BAKER: R. T. FUGHUM,

June 24-128-61 1st Lieut. A. D. C. & A. A. G.

OBITUARY.

On the 1st day of June, A. D. 1864, Capt. LEONARD A. HENDERSON fell mortally wounded in the right side by a minnie ball, about six o'clock in the evening, and breathed his last two hours afterwards. At the time of his death he was Captain of the 8th Regiment, N. C. Troops, attached to General Clingman's Brigade. The battle, which to him proved so fatal, was fought at Coal Harbor, a point which will ever be remembered in the history of that private and victorious which have been achieved by our troops in defence of the Confederate Capital. And brilliantly and gallantly has that protection been given.

I know full well that the writer of brief obituaries can but be unable to heal the afflicted hearts of a land scourged by war; that he has no arts to fill the void seats in the family circle; no power to stay grief and mourning with his subtle robes, for the lost ones—such balm, such arts, and such power are his only—who reigneth on high, and "who gave and who hath taken away." But the teachings illustrated by the example of one who fell so young, and whose future promised as much to his country—as that which he bravely performed the obligations of that promise—may be studied with advantage and perhaps with interest.

LEONARD A. HENDERSON the subject of this sketch, was the eldest son of Archibald and Mary Steel Henderson, of this vicinity. The maternal line he is a descendant of Gen. John Steel, Comptroller General during the administration of Gen. Washington, and the intimate friends and confidential advisers of that illustrious statesman. His father, a descendant of that Mrs. Elizabeth Steele, the pious and patriotic lady so beautiful and touchingly connected with the Revolutionary history of this State, by the manner in which she relieved Gen. Greene, who, being taken prisoner, had been reduced to a state of extreme hunger, and who, after a long and arduous march, was rescued by her heroic house weary, hungry, alone and without money. On the paternal line, he traces through some of his name whose lives have formed a part of the history of North Carolina from its colonial existence. He was born on the 14th day of Nov., 1841, and was in his 23d year when killed.

When the war began he was a youth of nineteen, and student at the University of Virginia. Without consultation, or even the knowledge of his parents, he volunteered on the 14th of April, 1861, in a company formed by the students of that institution to assist in the first capture of Harper's Ferry. His company arrived at the scene of action just in time to assist in the evacuation of the fort, and in the evacuation of the enemy. He informed his brother of his intentions, but enjoined secrecy, lest it might distress his mother, for whom he seems to have cherished a most tender regard. The day after the evacuation, he would make his name among the first, if not the very first, name enrolled among the hundred thousand heroes from North Carolina, whose courage and achievements have become as imperishable as history. Shortly after the evacuation, the students were disbanded in order that they might resume their studies. He, however, did not avail himself of this privilege, but, with a returning home repaired to Fort Johnson, below Wilmington, where he again volunteered as a private and worked in the trenches six weeks. At this point he wrote to his father, urging him to make no request from Gov. Vance, as he was in the position, stating that he did not leave the "University to get office, but to defend the Old North State."

Gov. Ellis had awaited no solicitation, but had already given him that 2nd Lieut. position, and had not been received on account of some accidental misdirection. His view was, however, that place and distinction should be the reward of meritorious acts daring and determination. Well and nobly and gallantly he achieved the distinction of that distinguished statesman. His course and his march were thenceforth onward to a most unbounded popularity with his men and to an exalted reputation for conduct and Spartan courage.

Capt. Henderson's first appearance on the field of battle was at the fall of Roanoke Island, where though 2nd Lieut. he was in command of his company. The request being made that the men should lie down, he alone stood at the front, and, marching backwards and forth in front of his company and regarding only their safety.—This was done while the unseen missiles of death came hissing from the enemy and the air was filled with a hail storm, not in recklessness, but with solemn conviction that the first duty and most sacred obligation of an officer are to protect those whom he commands; and he is thus in upon their lives depends the success of the cause. His sword had by some means gotten into possession of an officer who was killed. One of the Rowan boys took it from his body and threw it into the mud with the determination that the man who should never surrender. He was taken prisoner with the whole garrison and very shortly paroled and returned home. Though this affair was regarded at the time as an anticlimax, it was to have made his mark and established his character. The writer of this was conversing with a distinguished gentleman who had also been captured there, who inquired, "Who is that young Henderson from Salisbury?" Being informed, he replied, "He is a gallant boy."

Upon his exchange he was made Captain of his company and the Regiment was attached to Gen. Clingman's Brigade, the fortunes of which he followed without any privation and opportunity of distinction up to the storming of Plymouth, at which he was present, and again conspicuous for coolness and intrepidity. He came out of the battle unscathed, as he himself expressed it, "under the protection of the providence," though his clothes were fairly riddled by balls.

Gen. Hooker's Division of which Gen. Clingman's Brigade formed a part, being ordered to Virginia for the protection of the railroad, he participated in the battles about Drewry's Bluff and the battles about Petersburg and Richmond, in one of which he was wounded painfully in the thigh. For this he declined to be relieved from duty, but appeared the next day at the head of the company.

An officer in a letter to a brother officer, speaking of him says: "He was at all times in the thickest of the fray, urging his men on by his example in the fight around Drewry's Bluff, and he was seen to be found at his post, acting in his cool, undaunted style."

"During the engagement of 20th May, he was in command of the first division of the 8th, fifty in number. The whole skirmish line was ordered to advance; but through some mistake he only received the order; but without hesitation he ordered forward his men, and without any support led them to the charge of the enemy's rifle pits under a heavy fire from the front and both flanks—gained his position and held it until the regiment came to his support."